

We would remind our readers of the popular ballad concert in aid of the Edgar Re-

Belinfante

The Royal Engineer Variety Club are to give entertainments in the Boat-Shed Wellington Barracks, to-night and Wednesday. A very attractive programme is submitted for to-night. The entertainment commences at eight.

SIR John Leng, M.P., proprietor of the

referred to in a Ceylon paper as 'the only

to Scotland in early life and made his fortune." This is rubbish on Scotland, an en-

On Sunday morning, between 9 and 10.30

o'clock, the steam-launch *Dayspring*, carrying the Bethel flag, will call alongside any

vessel hoisting the answering pennant, to

convey men ashore to 11 a. m. service at St. Peter's (Seamen's) Church, returning about

12.80.

Mr. E. Georg, in his share report of this date (15th Feb.), says:—Chinese New

Year Holidays have interfered with busi-

ness, but a comparatively fair amount of transactions have been put through in the

earlier part of the week, and for most
stocks the market closed firm with an up-

ward tendency,

A WRITER in a Colombo journal has dis-

covered that 'the real waste of water consists, not in its use—or, call it abuse, if

you will—by the poorer class of taxpayers

for other than drinking and culinary purposes. Decency demands some restriction

of personal ablutions at stand-pipes ; but it is the wealthier householder, the owner

of the Council, and the Government and

Military authorities who pay no water-rate, who really waste water.'

One or two cases of typhoid fever have been

brought to our notice during the past week.

Have the proper authorities been acquainted with the cases and are they making the

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1896.

FRAUGHT WATERS' MURDER

That the weather for China New Year's

Day was pleasant, and that of yesterday

was such that it placed the success of

the N. Wind of today may dry up

the quagmire in the Happy Valley, and

to enable the Community of South China

(with the North-China contingent) to

enjoy the 1896 Jockey Club Meeting.

That I am glad to see the Northern com-

munity enjoying themselves, in spite of

the execrable weather we have been able

to give them, although I have a shrewd

suspicion they have brought down this

ultra-Febuary weather from the North.

That I fancy there is no talk about

"Training Notes" and "Black Rock"

early purloins while the course is more like

something to do with the bad weather, as

dull, leaden skies usually accompany the

"Kang-hai-factory" period.

That I am amused at the conflicting ac-

counts which are circulating about the

Chinese calendar.

That the author of the "Hongkong Al-

manack" used to set this right, after

communicating with the Inspector Gen-

eral of Customs at Peking, but I have not

heard of any such authoritative reference

this year.

That I deprecate the Chinese who get through

the new year all the same, and as they

generally evade the Stamp Duty when

they can, it will perhaps not matter so

very much after all.

That I hear you newspaper people did not

give enough credit to the fair Plaintiff in

the last performance of "Trial by Jury."

That there is no question about it but that

Mrs Dalrymple was first-class, both in

acting and in singing, and she fully de-

served the unequalled ovation she re-

ceived on the last repetition.

That the third performance will no doubt

be an improvement even upon the two

preceding ones, as practice makes perfec-

tion.

That we are greatly indebted to the

A. D. O. for these recreative evenings,

whatever any of the cynical gentlemen

may say to the contrary.

That the Commission on the Tung-wah is

a necessity which I pointed out some time

since.

That it ought, I think, to be conducted

in the presence of a representative of each

of the Eastern and the Western Methods of

Medicine and Surgery.

That, unless this is done, there will be

an endless amount of cross-examination

which will be far less effective than if Dr

Atkinson or Dr Lawson (or the Tung-wah

champions) were on the spot.

That it is no use assuming that the old

style of thing can go on as it is.

That the shortcomings and dangers of that

system have been proved to be too much

for the safety of the Colony.

That the Commission has to see how the

reform can be brought about in harmony

with the constitution of the Tung-wah

Corporation—always, of course, but effec-

tively for the sake of humanity and for

the safety of the community at large.

That I saw that Chinese dragon flag flying

this morning on the hill above the Chinese

Theatre, and I wondered why it was

allowed.

That I am not aware that a Consul for

China exists in this Colony, and there-

fore the flag should not be allowed.

That in some things we Britishers are

peculiar.

That in some matters of petty detail we

are particularly careful, even to "finnick"

ness, and in other much more important

matters we are carelessly careless.

That it seems to me our Executive does not

regard the Union Jack quite in the same

way that I should do, in a Colony like

this.

That Continental Powers have more free-

dom than perhaps they should have, and

deserve to have, but as for Celestials,

never a flag should be allowed to flutter

if I had the regulation of affairs here.

That as you said last week, there are times

and seasons in such matters.

That there never has been a time or season

when the Canton authorities did not

maintain that Hongkong was part of the

great Chinese Empire.

That such an absurd assumption we could

perhaps afford to laugh at, but now it is

necessary to do more.

That, under all the circumstances, I am a

little surprised that men like the Governor

and the Colonial Secretary permit such

fooling with the Queen's Sovereignty.

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HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI

BANKING CORPORATION.

HALF-YEARLY MEETING.

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Bank's capital—amounting to a dividend of

21.5 per cent, and over three times the

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results are repeated in the future. You

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 7. From Naval Yard to Blue Buildings.
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 10. Kowloon Wharves.
 11. Jardine's Wharf.

Name.	Flag and Reg.	Tons.	Guns.	H. P.	Captain.	Where at.
Admiral Koroleff	Russian cruiser	4950	32	6000	Captain Eltschinnoff	Kobe
Admiral Nakhimov	Russian flagship	7774	32	9500	Captain Kharichinoff	Nagasaki
Albatros	Austrian gunboat	850	6	—	—	Yokohama
Albatros	Russian gunboat	810	2	730	Captain Parenago	Vladivostok
Albatros	French cruiser	300	30	9000	Captain Boute	Foochow
Alger	French cruiser	2370	18	2400	Captain A. Sarnov	Amoy
Arona	German cruiser	475	4	450	Commander Journef	Bangkok
Aspic	French gunboat	6010	26	4400	Commander Fortin	Saigon
Batavia	French gunboat	1550	14	1000	Captain Ternet	Tokohama
Batavia	French wooden sloop	462	5	400	Lt. Pedro da Azevedo Coutinho	Pinet
Batavia	Portuguese gunboat	850	13	1150	Captain Reizman	Chemulpo
Batavia	Russian sloop	3830	22	4400	Capt. Enrique Sanzola	Manila
Batavia	Spanish cruiser	4040	32	6095	Capt. Coffin	Nagasaki
Christoforo	U. S. cruiser	435	4	500	Capt. Maude	Shanghai
Comet	French gunboat	1790	15	3400	Captain Craig	Foochow
Comet	U. S. cruiser	2000	16	5400	Commander John Stark Newell	Shanghai
Daguer	U. S. cruiser	1210	4	—	Capt. Duclou	Manila
Don Antonio de Ulloa	Spanish cruiser	1130	14	1550	Capt. R. P. de B. Naure	Manila
Don Juan de Austria	Spanish cruiser	3838	19	4800	Captain Bayle	Manila
Duguay Trouin	French cruiser	2351	23	2750	Captain Doyle	Nagasaki
Foran	Russian gunboat	400	9	3500	—	Kobe
Galathea	Russian gunboat	1480	12	1380	Capt. Bouchacoff	Shanghai
Gazette	German gunboat	490	4	341	Capt. Lieut. Ingenold	Hankow
Imperator Nicolai I	Russian ironclad	8800	32	8000	Capt. Fiedlerman	Nagasaki
Irene	German cruiser	4400	22	8000	Capt. Fiedlerman	Amoy
Italy	French cruiser	4280	32	5000	Captain Buret	Nagasaki
Kaiser	German flagship	7677	16	—	Captain Jasech	Amoy
Koroleff	Russian sloop	1200	9	2150	Capt. Lindstrom	Nagasaki
Koroleff	German cruiser	1640	8	2280	Captain Brinkmann	Amoy
Kreiser	Russian sloop	1330	13	1200	Capt. Bekheimoff	Nagasaki
Lion	French gunboat	60	6	650	Lieutenant G. Uchida	Saigon
Lutin	French gunboat	490	4	500	Lieut. Com. Gueydon	Tientsin
Machias	U. S. cruiser	1050	16	1600	Commander Houston	Chemulpo
Manila	Spanish ironclad	1057	2	1000	Captain Vungers	Nagasaki
Manila	Russian sloop	780	9	1400	Commander Podiatpolsk	Nagasaki
Manila	U. S. sloop	1370	8	850	Com. Roisinger	Tientsin
Manila	Russian gunboat	5800	14	13,500	Captain J. J. Read	Nagasaki
Manila	Russian cruiser	1490	12	2000	Captain Barab	Nagasaki
Manila	French cruiser	6680	33	8000	Captain Bodinoff	Nagasaki
Manila	German cruiser	661	6	550	Lt. Com. Emory	Shanghai
Manila	U. S. gunboat	845	8	450	Lt. Commander Vidal	Bangkok
Manila	French gunboat	4400	22	6000	Captain von Holtzendorff	Hankow
Manila	Spanish cruiser	3090	18	4900	Com. Jose Warleta	Manila
Manila	Russian 1st class cruiser	10,930	30	13,250	—	Vladivostok
Manila	Russian 2d class cruiser	850	13	1120	Captain Baranoff	Vladivostok
Manila	Russian ironclad	2100	14	2100	Captain Antsoneff	Nanking
Manila	Russian cruiser	490	21	2400	Captain Barab	Saigon
Manila	French cruiser	480	4	435	—	Bangkok
Manila	French gunboat	5600	34	7000	Captain J. Rogozvinsky	Hankow
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